

subsection (a), the language reads, "no more than 25 percent of the fund, in aggregate, shall be approved annually for loans or grants," and then it says, "either directly or indirectly through communities,". Are we talking there about monies that would flow through community block grant types of funds? Are we talking about, you know, a public entity that would just function as a flow through, if you will, for purposes of these monies because my concern is this, that once the monies, the loans or the grants are approved, that, by the state, it is my desire and I would think that the intent of the legislation is to have those monies not be redirected or changed where they're final end was originally intended, that in other words, the local communities cannot reappropriate or change the designation for purposes of those funds, and if that language is meant merely to say, to be there for purposes of the use of the community development block grants or the other types of flow through mechanisms that are available at the local level, then fine, but if it's meant to allow for direct appropriations to communities, then I would want to strike it at some point down the line, hopefully after this amendment is adopted because I do again rise in support of the amendment. But could you address that, take the balance of my time if you would and address that six word phrase that shows up on line 9.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Wickersham, you have two minutes.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Well, okay. Senator, in the context in which it is used, I believe it clearly contemplates a flow through and that is also a concept that I would support. Direct grants to communities can be appropriate under some circumstances. For example, I think we've had communities that have started up development activities that pulled together surrounding communities for example, but you make a grant to one community and they bring in someone to present a development program for example and I think it also contemplates those kinds of activities. But quite frankly, I'll have to make some additional inquiries before I can give you a definitive answer.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Senator Wickersham. I rise...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR HALL: ...again rise in support of the amendment and with that understanding, if it somehow should be different, I would hope we could address this specific aspect of the